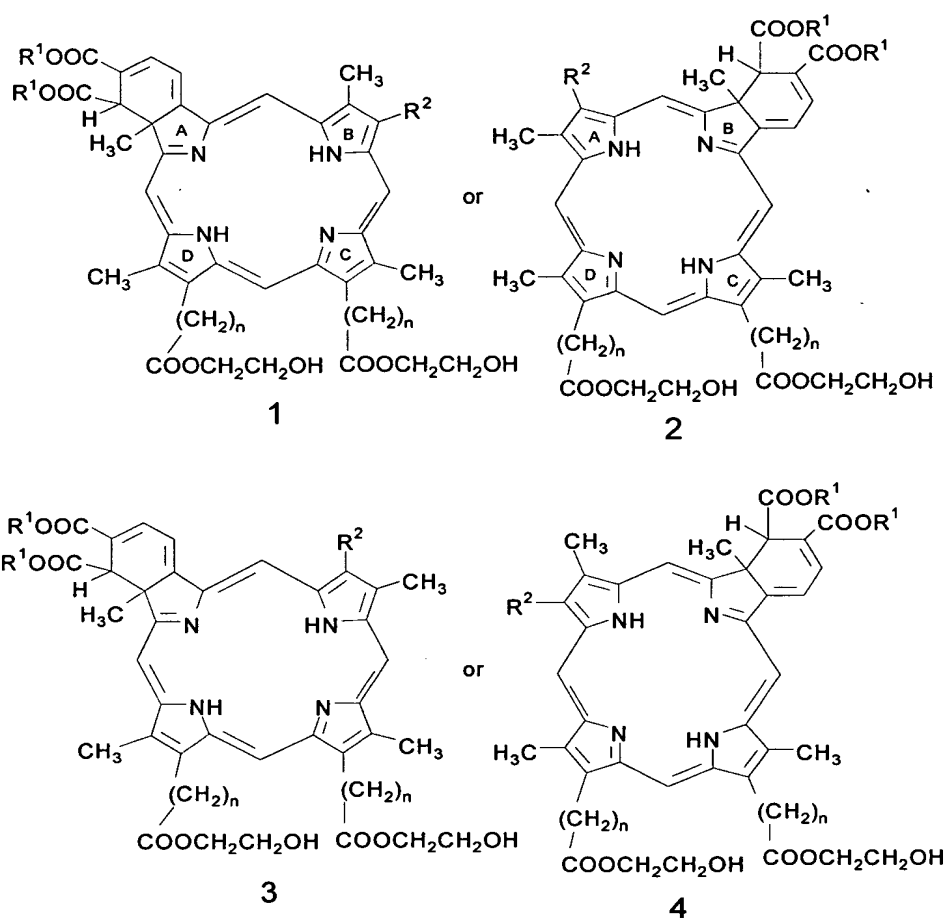


Abstract

New compounds useful in photodynamic therapy are of the formula



and their 1,4-diene isomers

and the metallated and/or labeled and/or conjugated forms thereof

wherein each R^1 is independently alkyl (1-6C);

each n is independently an integer of 0-6; and

R^2 is vinyl or a derivative form thereof.